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(MLM) PERSONNEL AS OBSERVERS

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BEGIN SUMMARY. ALL FOUR BONN GROUP REPS HAVE NOW
AGREED, ON INSTRUCTIONS, THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD
OPPOSE THE USE OF MILITARY LIAISON MISSION PERSONNEL AS
CBM OBSERVERS. END SUMMARY.

1. DRAWING FROM REFS (B) AND (C), AT THE JANUARY 7
BONN GROUP MEETING THE US REP REPORTED THAT THE DEPART-
MENT HAD REQUESTED THE VIEWS OF THE OTHER MEMBERS ON USE
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OF SOVIET AND ALLIED MLM PERSONNEL AS OBSERVERS OF

EXERCISES UNDER CSCE CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES. THE UK AND FRENCH REPS EXPLAINED THE REASONS FOR THEIR GOVERNMENTS' OPPOSITION TO SUCH AN INNOVATION, AND THE US REP NOTED THAT THE US WAS INCLINED TO OPPOSE BUT FIRST WANTED THE VIEWS OF THE OTHER THREE. THE FRG REP AGREED TO RESPOND TO THE QUESTION AT THE FOLLOWING MEETING.

2. ON JANUARY 13, THE FRG REP (LUECKING) READ FROM A PREPARED STATEMENT WHICH BEGAN THAT THE FRG SAW NO REASON TO DEPART FROM THE INVITATIONS PROCEDURE USED FOR "CERTAIN TREK" AND ADDED THAT IT CONSIDERED THE INVITATION OF MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET MLM'S TO SERVE AS OBSERVERS OF MANEUVERS ON THE TERRITORY OF THE FRG "OUT OF THE QUESTION," FOR THREE REASONS:

A. THE SOVIET MLM'S ARE IN THE FRG UNDER OCCUPATION LAWS. THE FRG HAS NO INTEREST IN PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTARY JUSTIFICATION FOR THEIR EXISTENCE BY ASSIGNING THEM RESPONSIBILITIES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE HELSINKI DECISIONS.

B. MEMBERS OF THE SMLM'S ARE ACCREDITED TO THE ALLIED FORCES IN THE FRG AND HAVE NO FUNCTIONS VIS-A-VIS GERMAN AUTHORITIES.

C. IF THE MLM'S WERE GIVEN A CBM OBSERVER ROLE, THE TWO GERMAN STATES WOULD BE GIVEN A SPECIAL STATUS IN THE CSCE FRAMEWORK.

3. THE US REP NOTED FOR THE RECORD THAT THE US DIFFERED WITH LUECKING'S OPENING STATEMENT, IN THAT IT THOUGHT IT DESIRABLE TO CONSIDER WAYS OF MAKING INVITATIONS LESS RESTRICTIVE THAN WAS THE CASE FOR "CERTAIN TREK." THAT ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM WAS, HOWEVER, ONE FOR DISCUSSION IN NATO; LUECKING'S STATEMENT MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE FRG AND THE THREE ALLIES WERE AGREED ON THE ONE ASPECT OF THE MATTER WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE BONN GROUP -- I.E., THAT ANY EXPANSION OF INVITATIONS SHOULD BE DONE IN A WAY THAT WOULD EXCLUDE MLM PARTICIPATION.

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4. THE BONN GROUP AGREED THAT NATO WAS THE PROPER FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF ALL OTHER ASPECTS OF THE SUBJECT, ALTHOUGH ALL REPS INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD ASK THEIR NATO COLLEAGUES TO KEEP THEM INFORMED OF THE COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS THERE.

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